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Item 5 and 6 of the provisional agenda
Election, in accordance with articles 28-34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2014, and a by election to fill one vacancy for a term expiring on 31 December 2016

Election of nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 and by-election to fill one vacancy created by the resignation of Kheshoe Parsad Matadeen (Mauritius) whose term was due to expire on 31 December 2016

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In conformity with articles 28–32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 24 June 2014.

2. The curricula vitae of 11 candidates received by 21 March 2014 are reproduced in document CCPR/SP/85.

3. Attached to the present document are the curricula vitae of the candidates for the regular election proposed by Afghanistan and Malawi after the deadline of 22 March 2014.

List of additional candidates nominated by States parties for the regular election

5. In accordance with article 30, paragraph 2, of the Covenant, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 21 January 2014, invited the States parties to submit, in conformity with articles 29 of the Covenant, their nominations for the regular election of nine members and the by-election for one member of the Committee within two months, i.e., by 21 March 2014.

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6. Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 3, of the Covenant, listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of two further nominees for the regular election and the State parties that nominated them. Biographical data (curricula vitae) on the nominees, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annexes I and II to the present document.

Name of candidate	*Nominated by*
Ms. Zohra Rasekh	Afghanistan
Mr. Mwiza Nkhata	Malawi

Annexes*

Annex I

Zohra Rasekh(Afghanistan)

Date and place of birth: February 7, 1969, Kabul, Afghanistan

Working languages: English and Farsi/Dari

Current position/function:

Executive Director

Global Watch Group (GWG) — Global Watch Group is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated for protection and promotion of health and human rights of all people. The organization focuses on undertaking investigative research, promoting public awareness of human rights violations and providing policy advice to governments and other relevant stakeholders in situations of human rights crises around the world.

Main professional activities:

Serving as a leader in the human rights movement, both locally and globally, within Global Watch Group as an international human rights organization;

Leading the research and investigation of human rights crises in conflict and post-conflict settings and overseeing the development of policy recommendations and advocacy campaigns;

Teaching/training human rights, good governance, democracy and gender equality classes, seminars and workshops worldwide;

Chairing seminars on human rights, gender equality, women political participation, women leadership, etc;

Publishing human rights research papers and policy recommendations;

Serving as a human rights expert in litigation cases of Afghan immigrants who are subject to deportation by the United States Immigration Services.

Previous positions and professional affiliations:

Vice Chair, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, January 2009–December 2012

Senior Human Rights and Gender Advisor to the Foreign Minister

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, 2006–2009

Director General, Office of Human Rights and Women's International Affairs

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, 2003–2009

Senior Research Analyst

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* The full curricula vitae of the candidates as submitted by the relevant State party can be consulted on the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/Elections34th.aspx.

Population Action International, Washington, D.C., 2001–2003

Senior Human Rights Investigator

Physicians for Human Rights, Washington, D.C., 1997–2001

Educational background:

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Certificate, Women and Public Policy, February 2006

George Washington University, School of Medicine and Healthcare Sciences Masters of Public Health, May 1997

George Washington University, Columbian College Bachelor of Science, December 1989

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

One of the world's leading spokeswomen for human right and gender equality in Afghanistan and the region, 1998–present;

Elected member and Vice Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 2009–2012;

Lead investigator of two unprecedented studies on women's health and human rights in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime, 1998 and 2001;

Mobilized over one million US dollars of donor funds for the development of a sustainable and transparent program for international human rights treaty reporting process within the Afghan government, 2004–2009;

Spoke widely at universities and public forums across the United States, Canada and Europe on the subject of human rights, gender equality and good governance from the perspective of Muslim culture and Islamic law, 2003–2012;

Led a fact-finding mission to Iran and Pakistan to investigate the health and human rights condition of Afghan refugees in prison 2001–2005;

Chaired many seminars/panel discussions on the subject of human rights, democracy and religion for Afghan policy makers, parliamentarians, religious leaders and civil society members, 2003–2009;

Member of the Working Group on Refugee and Asylum Seekers, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 2011–2012.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Terrorism and Public Health: Addressing Public Opinion in Muslim Communities. *Oxford University Press, 2012*

"Women's Health and Human Rights in Afghanistan", *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).* http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/280/5/449

The Taliban's War on Women: A Health and Human Rights Crises in Afghanistan. *Physicians for Human Rights* publications.
http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/library/documents/reports/talibans-war-on-women.pdf

Education, A Health Imperative: The Case of Afghanistan, *François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health & Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health Publication.* http://hsph.harvard.edu/fxbcenter

Health and Human Rights of Adolescent Girls in Afghanistan, *Journal of American Medical Women's Association (JAMWA)*. http://www.amwa-doc.org/index.cfm

In this Generation: Health Policies for a Youthful World, *Population Action International Publishing*. http://www.amazon.com/this-Generation-Reproductive-Policies-Youthful/dp

Annex II

Mwiza Nkhata (Malawi)

Date and place of birth: 3 January 1980, Mzimba, Malawi

Working languages: English

Current position/function:

Senior Partner, Barnet & James, Attorneys and Law Consultants, Box 380, Zomba, Malawi

Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Malawi, Chancellor College, PO Box 280, Zomba, Malawi

Main professional activities:

I was admitted to the Malawi Bar in 2003. Since my admission to the Malawi Bar I have been actively engaged in both civil and criminal litigation at the domestic level. I am a founder and Senior Partner at Barnet & James, Attorneys & Law Consultants. At the same time, I have maintained a deep interest in international human rights law evidenced by the academic research that I have conducted in the area and the numerous presentations on human rights that I have made. I have advised countless individuals and non-governmental organisations on international human rights. I remain an active practitioner in the human rights field.

Educational background:

Doctor of Laws (LL.D), 2008-2010 — University of Pretoria

Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education, 2010 — University of Pretoria

Diploma in Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 2009 — Abo Akademi University

Master of Laws (Human rights and democratisation) (LLM) with distinction, 2005 — University of Pretoria

Bachelor of Law (Honours) LLB (Hons), 1998-2003 – University of Malawi

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Engaged as a Senior Researcher by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, during a consultancy on the preparation of the South African Government's initial report on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Advising non-governmental organisations on shadow reporting under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

List of most recent publications in the field:

"Popular Involvement and constitution-making: The struggle towards constitutionalism in Malawi" in M. Mbondenyi & T. Ojienda (eds.) *Constitutionalism and democratic governance in Africa: Contemporary perspectives from Sub-Saharan Africa* (Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press, 2013) 219–241

"The role of regional economic communities in protecting and promoting human rights in Africa: Reflections on the human rights mandate of the tribunal of the Southern African

Development Community" (2012) 20(1) *African Journal of International and Comparative Law* 8

"Reinforcing Duty Bearer Accountability for Socio-economic rights in Malawi – a conceptual alternative?" (2012), *Stellenbosch Law Review* 1

"The Chinsinga-gate affair: a not so Subtle threat to academic freedom in Malawi" (2012) 6(2), *Malawi Law Journal* 183

"Implementation of the Rome Statute in Malawi and Zambia: Progress, Challenges and Prospects" in C. Murungu & J. Biegon (eds.) *Prosecuting International Crimes in Africa* (2011) 277

"Along Came Omar Al Bashir to Malawi: International Criminal Law and Immunity of Heads of State" (2011) 5(2), *Malawi Law Journal* 149

"Towards constitutionalism and democratic governance: Ubuntu and equity as a basis for regulating public functionaries in common law Africa" in F Diedrich (ed.) *Ubuntu, good faith and equity: flexible legal principles in developing a contemporary jurisprudence* (2011) 88.

"The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: The Strained Matrix for The Protection and Enforcement of Human Rights in Africa" (2010) 16 (2) *East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights* 193

"Is the SADC Tribunal Under Judicial Siege in Zimbabwe? Reflections on Etheredge v. Minister of State for National Security Responsible for Lands, Land Reform and Resettlement and Another" (2010) 42, *The Comparative and International Law Journal of Southern Africa* 81

"What does the SADC Tribunal portend for Human Rights in the Region: A New Hope or A False Dawn?" in RH Murray (ed.) *Human Rights Litigation and the Domestication of International Human Rights Standards in Sub Saharan Africa* (2009) 93

"Public Interest Litigation and Locus Standi in Malawian Constitutional Law: Have the Courts Unduly Fettered Access to Justice and Legal Remedies" (2008) 2 (2), *Malawi Law Journal* 209

Bidding Farewell to Mandatory Capital Punishment: Francis Kafantayeni and Others v Attorney General (2007) 1 (1) Malawi Law Journal 103